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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 7/17/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-35 and 38-39 renumbered as claims 1-37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Christopher Lipp on 08/13/07.

3. Claims 1 and 19 have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): A method ~~Method~~ of setting up calls between calling users (Uj-k) and called users (Uj'-k') each associated with at least one personal identifier and each having at least one communication terminal (Tji-k), each communication terminal of the calling user (Uj-k) being logically connected to a first communication equipment (Sk) and each communication terminal of the called user (Uj'-k') being logically connected to a second communication equipment (Sk') and the combination of these terminals enabling a plurality of modes of communication between these two users; ~~this~~ the method comprising, in the event of a request to set up a call between a calling user (Uj-k-) and a called user (Uj'-k')₊:

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exchanging information between the first communication equipment (Sk) and the second communication equipment (Sk') prior to setting up a call, and, if the called user accepts the setting up of a call:

the second communication equipment (Sk') determining each terminal of the called user that would enable setting up of the requested call;

the second communication equipment (Sk') then sending the first communication equipment (Sk) a terminal identifier for each terminal thus determined; and

the first communication equipment (Sk) then selecting, from the identifiers of the called user that it receives, at least one terminal identifier, if there is a plurality of possible choices, and then initiating the setting up of a call between at least one terminal of the calling user and at least one terminal of the called user corresponding to an identifier that it has selected.

19. (Currently Amended): Communication equipment (Sk) for managing the setting up of calls between calling users (Ui-k) and called users (Uj' k') each associated with at least one identifier and each having at least one communication terminal (Tji-k), this equipment being logically connected to each communication terminal of at least one user (Tji-k) and including:

means (Dj-k) for exchanging information with a second communication equipment (Sk') analogous to the first before setting up a call between a terminal (Tji-k) logically connected to this first equipment and another terminal (Tji-k) logically connected to this second equipment (Sk'),

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and wherein ~~being characterized in that~~ the means (MT) for exchanging information with a second communication equipment (Sk') analogous to the first include:

means for receiving a terminal identifier for each terminal of a called user that would enable setting up of the requested call; and

means for then selecting from the identifiers of the called user that it receives at least one terminal identifier, if there is a plurality of possible choices, and then initiating the setting up of a call between at least one terminal of the calling user and at least one terminal of the called user corresponding to a selected identifier.

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